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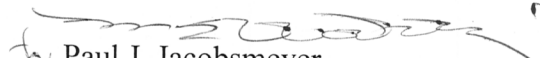
Dear Mr. Morisy:

This Office is responding on behalf of the Department of Defense to all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests relating to the death of Osama Bin Laden that were submitted to any component of the Department of Defense. This response concerns the request you electronically submitted to the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) on January 30, 2012, tracking number DON 2012F050574. OPNAV in turn referred your request to Commander, Naval Air Force, Pacific (COMNAVAIRPAC) as your request concerned the USS Carl Vinson. You requested "A copy of all email discussions of the raid that killed OBL, his burial at sea aboard the USS Carl Vinson, as well as attachments to those discussions, sent from or to crew members or other users of onboard networking and/or email services of the USS Carl Vinson during the month of May 2011." Your request was assigned FOIA case number 12-F-0731 in this office.

Enclosed are 10 emails (31 pages) found in the course of a search conducted by COMNAVAIRPAC, which have been determined to be responsive to your request. Please note that these emails are provided to you as they were released in FOIA litigation (*Judicial Watch v. Navy*) and for that reason this group of emails also includes some records that predate May 2011. These emails were reviewed and determined to be partially releasable. Certain information being withheld within the documents is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 13526, 1.4(a) concerning military plans, weapons systems, or operations; 1.4(c) concerning intelligence activities (including covert action) and intelligence sources or methods; and 1.4(d) concerning foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. Information is also exempt by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding; specifically 10 U.S.C. § 130b, which permits the withholding of information about personnel in overseas or routinely deployable and sensitive units. In addition, some of the withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Some information is withheld because its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. Consequently, this information is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5) and (b)(6).

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, you should write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, ATTN: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20101-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 12-F-0731, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

Sincerely,



Paul J. Jacobsmeyer
Chief

Enclosure:
As stated